

ENGINE WORKS SEEKS RELIEF

Complains to Administrative
Board of Condition of Bacon's
Quarter Branch.

CREEK NOW AN OPEN SEWER

Method of Assessing Grading
Damages to Be Dis-
cussed To-Day.

Asking that Bacon's Quarter Branch, now an open sewer running beside its property, be walled in, the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Company, in a communication addressed to the Administrative Board yesterday, called attention to conditions in the great valley north of the city through which the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line Railway make their way. The board took no action, laying the paper over for consideration at a later meeting. The proposition is not a new one, steps to inclose this creek having been recommended in every annual message sent to the Mayor by city Engineer Charles E. Bolling since he has been in office. Some steps to reach the matter have been taken in annual appropriations from year to year, but up to this time the work had not reached to that section of the creek bordering on the property of the locomotive works.

The creek, which tradition says flowed through the "quarter" or farm buildings of Nathaniel Bacon, of Colonial fame, is an arm of Spokoe Creek. Having its headwaters in what was formerly a great swamp of crawfish land which modern methods of drainage have reclaimed, the creek flows eastward partly in and partly out of the city limits, through the great hollow which separates the city from Barton Heights and Chestnut Hill. Practically all of the city north of Broad Street drains into the creek. The water from the drainage of Lee District has been diverted there, and even more recently sewers under the Boulevard and West Street have thrown the drainage of the western annexed territory as far south as Carter Street into this creek. It also empties into the creek at Park street, built along the old Brook Turnpike, and the sewerage of other suburban sections north of the city, making it much more of a sewer than a natural stream. The watershed is a large one, however, and when heavy summer rains come the creek overflows the banks, spreading muck and damage.

Two years ago at the earnest solicitation of former Councilman John J. Lynch, the Council undertook the walling in of the creek. \$11,260 having been expended in 1911, and \$20,000 provided in the budget for the year just closing. Under supervision of City Engineer Bolling, work began in the West End, continuing the sewer eastward between walls of concrete with an arched bottom which would scour out with each heavy rain, the laying of a flat top over this culvert being deferred until conditions justify it. Work has recently been going on at the northern end of Harrison Street, where various difficulties have been encountered by the breaking away of an ancient brick cross sewer built many years ago, and which required immediate reconstruction. At the present rate of progress it would be many years before the work reached the foot of North Seventh Street, where the plant of the Locomotive Works is located. In some places it has been necessary to acquire land to straighten the wandering course of the stream. Mr. Bolling has recommended that large tracts be acquired, the creek walled in and arched over, after which he believes the city may dispose of the land for manufacturing purposes, using a desirable tract near the Virginia Union University for a colored park and playground. It is believed that by straightening and walling in the creek and filling over the construction from time to time, large sections could be reclaimed that are now practically valueless.

Grading Damages. The board will hear from City Attorney Pollard at 11 o'clock to-day on the matter of assessment of damages to abutting property by reason of the grading of streets and alleys, especially as to the effect on the method of procedure of an act of the last session of the General Assembly bearing on this subject.

ELECT OFFICERS

At the first quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Police Benevolent Association, held last night at police headquarters, the following officers were elected: P. L. Nelz, chairman; P. M. Kraft, J. L. Zimmer, W. D. Schleff, J. J. Smith, C. M. Johnson and W. E. Waymack.

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PLEADS OWN CASE AND IS ACQUITTED

Conlan Cross-Examines Witnesses and Succeeds in Proving Innocence Before Jury.

Acting as his own counsel, James Conlan, a carriage painter, successfully pleaded his case yesterday afternoon in the Hustings Court and, with Peter Murphy was acquitted of a charge of highway robbery. The two men were arrested on Christmas Eve night on the charge of assaulting E. J. Burns. When the case was called in Police Court Burns testified that Conlan and Murphy had snatched him and robbed him of \$1.50 and a pipe. The evidence adduced yesterday indicated that the case was merely a street fight and that no robbery had been committed. Conlan cross-examined each witness who was placed upon the stand, and in turn told a straightforward story to the jury. Commonwealth's Attorney Polkes suggested that the two men be placed under a peace bond, but Judge Richardson discharged them with instructions to leave the city at once. They promised to go immediately to Newport News.

Louise Brown, colored, was acquitted of a charge of stealing \$15 from Anderson Dickson, also colored.

Robert Nettles, colored, was convicted of stabbing John McKee, also colored, and sentenced to serve two years in the reformatory.

Charles Perkins, colored, was convicted on a charge of housebreaking and sentenced to two years in the reformatory. Perkins entered the saloon of L. F. Gaines, in West Broad Street, with intent to commit larceny.

WILSON MUST PAY POSTAGE BILLS

President-Elect Will Not Get Mailing Frank Ollie James Sought.

Washington, January 7.—Because Congress will not know officially until February 12 that Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, has been elected President, Mr. Wilson will have to do without a mailing frank until he assumes office. Senator-Elect Ollie James, of Kentucky, who was interested in obtaining this for Mr. Wilson because of the heavy postage bills incurred in the last few weeks, finds that there is no precedent for giving the frank to a President-elect until Congress has been notified officially of his election. Inasmuch as there are only twenty days from February 12 to inauguration day, March 4, the Senator-elect has decided not to take further action toward relieving the strain on the Governor's purse.

President of Woman's Democratic League



MRS. JOHN SHERWIN CROSBY.

CLARK WELCOMES WOMEN DELEGATES

First Annual Convention of Democratic League Meets in Washington.

Washington, January 7.—Women from all over the United States gathered here today for the first annual convention of the Woman's National Democratic League, which will remain in session three days. Approximately 300 delegates were on hand when Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, of New York, president of the organization, formally opened the meeting and Speaker Champ Clark was ready to deliver the address of greeting. The invocation was offered by the Right Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington. When Speaker Clark had completed his remarks, Mrs. Crosby made response, and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was ready with an address of welcome. The business of the convention was then taken up.

CORN CLUB BOYS GO TO COLUMBIA

Youths With Best Yields Will Attend Big Corn Show. Brockman's Prizes.

Twenty-five corn club boys, who led in the contests in their respective counties and five girls, who excelled in tomato club work, will be taken to Columbia, S. C., to attend the National Corn Show, which will be held there the week beginning January 27. F. S. Farrar, who is in charge of the boys, expects to leave with them on January 25. Miss Ella G. Agnew, of Burkeville, head of the domestic science demonstration work, "will take the girls.

Each boy will take in his suit case ten of the years of corn he grew on his acre, and these will be in evidence at Columbia. It will be a pleasure trip for all of them, but they will in reality

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Rain Wednesday colder in west; Thursday rain or snow, and colder.
North Carolina—Rain Wednesday and Thursday night and probably Thursday; colder Thursday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.	
12 noon temperature	70
P. M. temperature	74
Mean temperature	74
P. M. temperature	74
Minimum temperature	59
Mean temperature	66
Normal temperature	66
Excess in temperature	28
Excess in temperature since March	18
Accum. excess in temperature since	78
January 1	78
Deficiency in rainfall since March	6.09
Accum. excess in rainfall since	0.1
January 1	0.1
Local Observation S. P. M. Yesterday.	
Temperature	89
Humidity	89
Wind—direction	S.
Wind—velocity	1
Weather	Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.	
Place	Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Atlanta	61 64 60 Cloudy
Atlantic City	54 58 50 Cloudy
Boston	54 52 54 Stealing
Buffalo	58 58 58 Clear
Calgary	32 34 26 P. cloudy
Charleston	66 74 62 Cloudy
Chicago	28 30 28 Cloudy
Denver	12 20 18 Clear
El Paso	38 42 38 Clear
Galveston	58 62 58 Clear
Hatteras	64 68 62 Clear
Havre	28 30 28 P. cloudy
Jacksonville	58 62 58 Clear
Kansas City	8 12 8 Clear
Louisville	54 62 54 Rain
Montgomery	70 74 68 Clear
New Orleans	72 78 68 Clear
New York	44 54 44 Rain
Norfolk	66 74 62 Clear
Oklahoma	10 14 10 Clear
Pittsburgh	42 48 42 Clear
St. Louis	26 32 28 Cloudy
St. Paul	8 12 8 Clear
San Francisco	44 48 44 Cloudy
Savannah	58 62 58 Clear
Spokane	28 32 28 Snow
Tampa	78 84 78 Clear
Washington	66 74 62 Clear
Wichita	44 48 44 Clear
Wynonago	52 58 52 Clear

be going to school. At certain hours each day they will go about through the immense exhibits and will be taught how to judge corn. At another hour they will be taught a corn stalk drill. There will be time and facilities for play. Then, there will be lectures on corn growing by the experts of the country, delivered and arranged so as to catch and hold the attention of the young folks.

Frank G. Brockman, of Amherst County, the boy who made the largest yield in the State in 1912, will be one of the party. His expenses are paid by the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce. This fortunate youth will also be given a trip to Washington the week of January 20, to meet with the winners from the other States and be shown the sights of the capital. He also receives a silver cup from the Norfolk and Western Railway, and a scholarship in agriculture at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Numerous cash prizes were taken down by young Brockman.

Local funds, with prize money will mostly defray the expenses of the trip. The boys and girls on the Columbia trip.

The demonstration work in Virginia under the United States Department of Agriculture will have a large exhibit at the corn show.

MORTON WORSE

Condition of Alleged Bank Robber, Jr. Shot by Detective Thought Critic.

The condition of Webster Moore, the negro messenger wanted for robbing the Washington and Southern Bank of Washington, D. C., of \$9,000, who was shot in the abdomen Monday afternoon by Detective-Sergeant Keilam when he resisted arrest, was last night said to be worse. Morton was at first thought to be mortally wounded. Later it was announced his wound was not as dangerous as was believed. When inquiry was made at midnight at the City Hospital, where he was removed, it was said that he had a bare chance with life and death. If he lives through to-day, it was announced, he would probably recover.

AWFUL THOUGHTS QUICKLY BANISHED

Thought, at Times, That She Would Die. Saves Herself, Also Young Girl, Whose Troubles Were Similar to Hers.

Clarksville, Tenn.—Mrs. H. L. Mason, of this place, writes: "I want to write you a few lines in regard to your medicine, Cardui, the woman's tonic.

Before my marriage I lived in Evansville, Ind. I suffered very much with womanly trouble. I thought at times that I would nearly die with pains in my stomach and backache.

I saw your medicine advertised and sent and got a bottle. The first bottle helped me, and I haven't been bothered with any of my old troubles since.

After my marriage I lived in Mt. Vernon, Ind., and one of my neighbor's girls suffered like I did. I told them to give her Cardui, the woman's tonic, as it would help her, and it certainly did, right away.

I will surely recommend Cardui to all women, for I think it is a good medicine for all kinds of womanly trouble.

If you are suffering from any of the ailments peculiar to weak women, such as headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, etc., we urge you to give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

It should surely do for you what it has done for thousands of others in the past half century who suffered with similar troubles.

Begin taking Cardui to-day. Your druggist sells it.

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NEW COMMITTEES READY FOR WORK

Streets, Finance and Ordinances
Elect Chairmen and Formally Organize.

Three committees of the City Council, appointed Monday night, met yesterday for organization, the Committee on Streets being the first to place itself in readiness for the transaction of public business. Members of that committee met yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the committee being the same as heretofore, with the addition of Councilman John W. Moore, of South Richmond, having now nine members instead of eight. Ward lines have been abolished in its composition, but by the reappointment of old members each ward has a Councilman and an Alderman on the committee. Gilbert K. Pollock was re-elected chairman and Ordway Puller subchairman. The second and fourth Monday afternoons in each month at 5 o'clock were fixed as the stated times of meeting. It was decided that the petitions of the two street car companies for track extensions had technically died with the old Committee on Streets, and the City Engineer was instructed to notify both companies, so that the papers may be reintroduced and taken up as new matters.

The new Committee on Finance met at 8 o'clock and organized by the election of Colonel Barton H. Grundy as chairman and Councilman E. R. Fuller as subchairman. The time of meeting was fixed for the Tuesday after the third Monday in each month at 8 o'clock. It being specified that when that date falls on a legal holiday the meeting is to be held on the previous day. No general business was transacted.

The Committee on Ordinances met at 8:30. Former Chairman Umlauf having been transferred to the Committee on Finance and the committee made practically new, the matter of the chairmanship was in some doubt. Mr. Moore named Alderman Mars Gunst, who was unanimously elected, although he protested that the honor was undesired and undesired. Councilman T. Gray Haddon was elected subchairman. The time of meeting was fixed for the third Thursday night of each month at 8 o'clock, the meeting to be held on a legal holiday.

City Clerk Ben T. August has issued calls for four committees under the remaining rules for this afternoon and to-night, as follows:

Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities, 8:30 P. M. Councilman Mil's letter, with Alderman of this committee, with Alderman Melton or Powers as subchairman. Committee on Police, River and Harbor, 8 P. M. Councilman George W. Rogers will be made chairman, with the probability that Alderman Billey will be made subchairman.

Committee on Advertising and Entertainment, 8 P. M. President J. Lee Terpers, of the Common Council, may be made chairman of this committee, being an ex-officio member. Councilman James J. Pollard is mentioned in case there should be objection to an ex-officio member being made chairman.

GOVERNMENT TO GIVE EXHIBITS

Demonstrations Will Be Made at Poultry Show Which Begins Next Week.

One of the features of the poultry show to be held in Richmond next week will be a government exhibit in the shape of an educational booth, showing progress in the poultry industry along natural and scientific lines.

Demonstrations will be given daily under the direction of Professor Joseph W. Kinghorn, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington.

Entries are practically all in. They come from every quarter of the State and elsewhere. Among those who will have large exhibits are the following:

R. H. Anderson, Lynchburg; John A. Bechtel, Williamsburg; Joseph Powers, Petersburg; Crescent Orpington Yards, Richmond; J. T. Dunstan, Lorraine, Va.; W. M. Dennis, Bina's Hall, Va.; W. L. Frank, Rock Castle, W. O. Farisholt, Richmond; Albert Fletcher, Jr., Warrenton; H. M. Hubbell, Warrenton; Charles T. Lauterbach, Petersburg; D. Scott Smith, Petersburg; James T. Rutherford, Rock Castle; Rockland Farm, Benson, Md.; Charles A. Smith, Norfolk; Courtland H. Smith, Warrenton; E. Randolph Taylor, Philadelphia; N. E. Randolph, Blackstone; R. S. Miss Myra White, Blackstone; R. S. Miss Onley, Va.; George L. Street, Jr., Richmond.

Police Board Meets To-Night.
The monthly meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners will be held to-night at 8 o'clock. Aside from the usual routine work, the matter of the annual budget, which will be submitted to the Council, will be taken up.

News of South Richmond

Charles S. Maurice, father of Police Justice Henry A. Maurice, and one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of South Richmond, died yesterday morning at 1:20 o'clock at his home, 1102 Perry Street, after an illness of several months' duration. The end came peacefully, and although not unexpected, cast a gloom over the community, where he was loved and respected for his many sterling qualities.

Born in Hampton, Va., October 3, 1831, Mr. Maurice was not a native Southerner, but had been identified with its interests for a half century. He moved to this city in 1854, and entered into the mercantile business. For a number of years he conducted a shoe store, and was connected with several other enterprises.

In politics, Mr. Maurice always took an active interest, and was an influential member of the Town Council before the incorporation of Manchester. He served for several terms in the City Council, and exerted his influence in the betterment of his adopted city. During the War Between the States he had charge of the manufacture of shoes for the Confederacy, and had the distinction of surrendering the city of Manchester to the Federals following the evacuation of Richmond. To do this, he crossed the James River in a rowboat bearing a flag of truce and seeking terms for his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Maurice was twice married. His first wife was Miss Rosa Winfree, of Chesterfield County, who died in 1855. His second wife was Miss Mollie Tompkins, of Roanoke, who died in 1891. Only one child survives. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Porter Street Presbyterian Church. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

Personal and General.
J. W. Smith, who is sick at his home, 618 Decatur Street, continues to improve.

An important meeting of Stonewall Jackson Aerie, F. O. E., will be held this evening at the Hotel Richmond, Eleventh and Hull Streets.

Alexander Eastwood, of 506 Hull Street, is fast recovering from a spell of illness. He has been confined to his home for some time.

Owing to the death of Charles S. Maurice, father of Police Justice H. A. Maurice, the regular weekly session of the city docket has been postponed.

The visiting committee of the J. O. U. M. will be the guests to-night of R. E. Keiser, at Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets.

A total of \$8,000 will be expended by the Cameron Stone Works in enlarging its new plant at Twenty-second and Decatur Streets. A permit to do the work has been granted by Building Inspector Butler.

Death of Mrs. Brooks.
Mrs. Bettie Brooks, widow of W. E. Brooks, Jr., died yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock at her home at 1244 North Main Street, after a long illness. She leaves four sons—George E., William Leonard, Marion and Edward Brooks. Besides her mother, she is survived by six brothers and four sisters. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Meeting of Bible Class.
The annual business meeting of the Wesley Bible Class of the Central Methodist Church will be held this evening in the church auditorium. The election of the officers, the main business to be transacted, was quickly disposed of by unanimous action. The following quote has been served during the past year. Judge Ernest H. Wells will remain president of the class and Luther Wells will be secretary.

Following the business session the members of the class were entertained with several vocal selections by Mrs. Lucy Gwathmey, accompanied by Mrs. R. P. Vaden. Several addresses were made during the course of a delightful luncheon.

EVANGELISM THE TOPIC
Rev. Andrew Allan, of Farmville, speaks at Second Presbyterian Church.

Two conferences on evangelism were held yesterday at the Second Presbyterian Church. The services were held in the church auditorium on the third day of the week of prayer which all churches of the denomination are observing this week. Rev. Andrew Allan, of Farmville, was the principal speaker at both meetings.

At the afternoon meeting, begun at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., spoke on "Leadership" and Mr. Allan on "Personal Work." The evangelistic records of the East Hanover Presbyterian Church were produced and discussed with a view of raising the standard of the small number of conversions.

Discussion at the evening session brought out the need of more family worship, more earnest evangelistic effort in preaching and other ways in which the church might increase its usefulness. The service was closed by a sermon from Mr. Allan on "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

There will be two similar conferences at the same church to-day. Sewing at the administration of church records in the afternoon will be up for discussion and Mr. Allan will talk of again.

Local Briefs.
The long delayed construction work of the new banking house of the Mechanics' and Merchants' Bank, at Twelfth and Hull Streets, was restarted yesterday, after a shut-down of six months.

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